Exempting Forrous Sulphate from price control

1603. DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that minerals such as Ferrous Sulphate and Calcium Gluconate are used by all categories of people;

(b) whether it is also a fact that these drugs have been recommended for exemption from price control by the Kelkar Committee;

(c) whether it is also a fact that these drugs have an annual turnover of more than fifty crores; and

(d) if so, how and on what basis these drugs have been recommended for price decontrol by the Committee?

THE MINISTRY OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Sales turnover of formulation is not monitored.

(d) These drugs have been included in the decontrolled category on the basis of recommendations of the Kelkar Committee.

State-wise Power Tariffs

1604 SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA:

SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise power tariffs for domestic purposes and industries of various types including public sector undertakings and railways; and

(b) whether there is a move that domestic energy for general public and power for small scale industries be given at a uniform rate throughout the country in the public interest and for healthy growth of small scale sector economy of the country; and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) State-wise power tariffs for domestic and industrial consumers including public sector undertakings, and the railways, are indicated in the annexure [*See* appendix CXL IV, Annexure No. 64].

(b) No such proposal is under Government's consideration. Under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1948, the power is prescribe electricity tariffs vests in the State authorities concerned.

Funding of Power Plants

1605. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA:

SHRI KAPIL VERMA:

SHRI SHEO KUMAR MISHRA:

DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry is exploring the possibility of funding big power projects with external borrowings in view of the grim prospects of severe resources shortage during the Eighth Five Year Plan period; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the countries and agencies being approached for loans?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) and (b) While primary reliance continues to be placed on plan resources and on indigenous sources of supply of power equipment, in view of the overall financial constraints, external assistance for some power projects is resorted to, on a case-to-case basis. Offers of assistance have been received from Countries such as the USSR, Japan, F R G. U.K. Yugoslavia; Hungary, the GDR and Poland for